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7 OPENING STATEMENTS BY MR. RICHARD HILL:

8 It's a little after seven (7) so we
9 will go ahead and get started. And my name's Richard
10 Hill. I'm the community co-chair along with Paul Cloud,
11 the Army co-chair of the RAB. And we are here to have a
12 meeting tonight and I just want to kind of remind people
13 briefly - I have to have notes. It's been a long day.
14 Kind of remind you tonight and remind myself of this once
15 in a while too, what our purpose is here. And what we
16 want to do with the RAB is to provide a mechanism for the
17 communities to communicate to the Army any interest,
18 priorities, concerns that they may have about the
19 environmental clean up of the property. That's as simple
20 as I think that I can put it. It snow balls into a lot
21 of other stuff but I think that's the gist of it. We
22 have some items on the table up here. You had a chance
23 to pick those up as you came in. We hope that you did.
24 We have the agenda and also the sign in sheet that if you
25 didn't get signed in when you came in you can sign up

1 later. I think that we'll just go right ahead and start
2 on the agenda. We have a few people tonight to give us
3 some presentations about what's going on out there at the
4 Proving Ground. And so we will start with that. And at
5 the end we will have an open discussion but I'm sure most
6 people would be open to questions as we go through on
7 some of these presentations also. So Paul do you want to
8 just start out with the first item?

9
10 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

11 Sure. Good evening. As Richard said
12 I'm Paul Cloud, the co-chair from the Army. And
13 appreciate Richard's opening remarks. I really don't
14 have anything I would like to say right now other than to
15 get into the initial presentation. So with that I will
16 start. The first thing we would like to give you an up
17 date on is the status of transfer and leases of property
18 in the cantonment area. It falls under what we call
19 Finding of Suitability to Lease or Finding of Suitability
20 to Transfer. Some of you who went to the Town Hall
21 meeting last month at the library will recognize some of
22 these slides. They were the ones we used at that
23 meeting. They are still current and up to date. A
24 little history.

25 (SLIDE TURNED ON)

1 The cantonment area is approximately
2 thirty-four hundred (3400) acres. That FOSL, Suitability
3 to Lease was signed last May. The Lease was signed about
4 two (2) weeks later. It is a - what is called a Lease in
5 Furtherance of Conveyance. So the intent there is to
6 actually convey the property when it is environmentally
7 and UXO safety wise suitable for transfer. And the
8 fourth item here, Title Transferred as the areas are
9 cleaned. That's UXO or environmental. Just for
10 information in the area we are talking about for the
11 lease is this area here (indicating) and around here.
12 This one (1) pink area at one (1) time was a designated
13 potential park area. The County of Jefferson has
14 retracted that request. They have retained this one (1)
15 (indicating). This parcel will be transferred tot hem at
16 a later date. This area we will talk a little bit about
17 that as far as UXO in a little while. We can put this
18 slide up as time and circumstances require to refresh
19 your memory on certain issues. The other documents that
20 have been signed to lake, the pump station downtown.
21 That FOST was signed last year. We do have some
22 additional information on the status of that which we
23 will provide tonight. It appears that that transfer is
24 much closer than we thought. Building 216 and the
25 railroad trackage not only has a FOST been signed but

1 that transfer was the first transfer of actual property
2 on the Proving Ground. It occurred last November. And
3 the other one document that's been signed is the FOST for
4 the Krueger Lake area for Jefferson County. Again just
5 to refresh your memory that's this area right here
6 (indicating) which is basically was inside the main gate
7 on Highway 421. Current FOST that is being worked on
8 right now is for a parcel that is bounded on the west and
9 the north sides by Paper Mill and Woodfill Road so that's
10 how we came to that generic title to that parcel. The
11 buyer, Mr. Ford, has requested from the Army that that
12 property be transferred to him and we expect to have that
13 transfer to the lessee, which is in this case Mr. Ford,
14 July of this year. The actual acreage has changed a
15 little bit. Instead of approximately forty (40) acres,
16 it's now approximately thirty-six (36). But other than
17 that the - there hasn't been a whole lot of changes.
18 That area, if I can find it, (indicating) is
19 approximately right in here. This is Woodfill Road up
20 here and Paper Mill Road here or basically right in here,
21 about half a dozen to ten (10) buildings that are part of
22 that parcel also. Are there any questions that anyone
23 would like to ask about either past leases, transfers or
24 the current one that is being worked on at this time?
25 Okay. What I would like to do now is a brief update on

1 the removal of the unexploded ordinance in the cantonment
2 area. And just to identify some of the areas that have a
3 potential for UXO is this area here (indicating) which we
4 refer to as the Airfield area. This western former park
5 parcel, this parcel up here we refer to as the six
6 hundred (600) building complex area. This area here, the
7 hundred (100) acres parcel, that has been completed.
8 I'll discuss that in a minute. This acreage here is
9 approximately eight hundred (800) acres. That's just
10 south of and to the west of Krueger Lake. And these two
11 (2) pie slices up here that has been done also. The
12 Army's commitment to the community was that they would
13 perform a four (4) foot below surface clearance of UXOs
14 in those areas for agricultural and recreational use of
15 those areas. This particular parcel right here
16 (indicating), this hundred (100) acres was done last
17 summer. Found one (1) piece of ordinance that was
18 detonated and the lease to Mr. Ford has been revised now
19 so that he has access to this acreage for agricultural
20 purposes. Before he had no access to that acreage. This
21 work here has been done but the lease has not been
22 revised yet. We still have a road, a section of a road
23 that we need to address. Once that is completed the
24 lease will be provided to allow access there. The
25 Huntsville Corps of Engineers and their contractor have

1 the funds to commence work on this section (indicating).
2 We expect that contract to be awarded by the end of this
3 month. That work will take somewhere between eight (8)
4 and twelve (12) months to complete. It's approximately
5 seven (700) to eight hundred (800) acres. They will lay
6 out fifty (50) foot grids and sweep it with metal
7 detectors. Any hit they get they will have to physically
8 excavate and investigate to see what it is. That's why
9 it takes so long. It's also dependent on the weather.
10 After this area is complete this is the next area that we
11 will attack as far as UXO removal. The Corps is
12 analyzing that area now. The last area is this parcel
13 over here (indicating) that we will do last. We expect
14 due to funding that FY98 we'll start that which starts in
15 October of this year. FY99 will start in September of
16 next year. We would have the funding to address this
17 area. The process by which we determined that there were
18 certain acreages inside the cantonment parcel that had a
19 tendency for UXO was done by the Corps of Engineers in a
20 document called an Archive Search Report and that was
21 completed in 1995. Of the approximate fifty-one hundred
22 (5100) acres in the cantonment area, this is what they
23 determined had a potential for UXO based on records
24 review, personnel interviews, looking at the over head
25 aerial photographs of the facility and looking some of

1 the facility that they had access to. Again the Army
2 will be cleaning to a depth of four (4) feet below the
3 surface. Anything below that would be paid for and
4 accomplished by the users. So should someone want to
5 come in and dig a footer or a basement after the property
6 is transferred, there will be a deed restriction to
7 prevent that until they have provided that level of
8 clearance. If you are interested in schedule, we have
9 basically a bar chart here and it's also in the hand outs
10 on the table that show when various things have been
11 done. Now the search report was completed in 1995. The
12 hundred (100) acre area was completed last summer. This
13 thirty (30) acre portion was completed without the road
14 being done late last year. We will be in the Airfield
15 this year. Late this year and into the next the lake
16 area. And then lastly the Western Park parcel. And just
17 to show you a little different prospective as far as
18 what's been found out there, at the hundred (100) acre
19 parcel which was done last year we found one (1) piece of
20 ordinance which was destroyed. We also found about nine
21 (9) tons of scrap. And that was recycled. On the thirty
22 (30) acre parcel we found a hundred and seventeen (117)
23 pieces. Most of those were considered to have explosive
24 and we also found about two (2) tons of scrap. Just to
25 show you the differences in the areas, this eight (8)

1 acre parcel is basically across the road from the hundred
2 (100) acre parcel, the hundred (100) acre parcel being
3 right here (indicating) and the eight (8) acre parcel up
4 in here (indicating). So it's just very close to it.
5 And you can see that there is a significant difference in
6 what was found on the search. We haven't even done the
7 four (4) foot below acreage. This should not be a
8 surprise as this was a border test range. And we
9 expected to find some items here. These areas - there
10 was a potential but it's not anywhere as great as what is
11 found here (indicating). This area here will be done
12 along with the eight hundred (800) acres below the park
13 probably starting next year. Again the Airfield area
14 removal will start. We expect that contract will be
15 awarded by the end of the month and it will start, the
16 actual field work this summer and go for eight (8) or
17 twelve (12) months. The area below the park should start
18 probably after the field work will start, either late
19 this year or early 1998 as well as the park parcel will
20 probably start 1999. Are there any questions anyone has
21 regarding UXO removal effort in the cantonment area?
22 That's all I have as far as the FOST and FOSLs and the
23 transfers. If anyone does have a question I'm going to
24 be here later. The only other thing I do have, and it's
25 not really on the agenda, but it was provided to me by

1 the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. It's on the table
2 here and you will see a four (4) slide presentation as to
3 the status of the completed uranium issue north of the
4 firing line, the Delta Impact area. Mr. Pittiglio could
5 not be here tonight but he did provide this information
6 and ask that I do make it available. His toll free phone
7 number is right on the first sheet there so if there is
8 anyone, either in the audience or you know of anyone out
9 in the community who is interested in this subject please
10 take this number down and provide it to them. And it is a
11 toll free call and you can call him and ask him questions
12 specific to that issue. Thank you.

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14 **MR. RICHARD HILL:**

15 Thank you Paul. Just as a real quick
16 addition to Paul mentioning the hand out on the NRC,
17 Regulatory Commission, Paul and I both spoke to Mr.
18 Pittiglio n the phone and when I talked to him the
19 information is briefly outlined in here what we talked
20 about. They don't believe there's any immediate exposure
21 problem. And the NRC is running low on funds. They have
22 other pressing problems to deal with and they are low on
23 travel funds. So that's why Larry couldn't be here
24 tonight. They do have some people working on the DU,
25 depleted uranium, problem at the Proving Ground. They are

1 doing what they call degradation modeling. And that's
2 basically to see - they are doing tests to see about the
3 deterioration of the projectile. In other words how much
4 did they break down in natural environment so they could
5 tell you know how immediate the problems might be. It
6 doesn't look like it is. But the immediate problems they
7 are doing tests to make sure. And as stated in here they
8 expect to have that done around August. You should be
9 able to attend future RAB meetings so probably somewhere
10 around that time frame we will discuss findings and
11 future developments. So that being said I think the next
12 thing that we have here is Mr. George Williamson the
13 third from the Corps of Engineers to tell us some more
14 about FOST and FOSLs and we will just let him take the
15 floor.

16
17 **MR. GEORGE WILLIAMSON III:**

18 Thanks Richard. Thanks Paul. I
19 appreciate it. Thanks for the invitation to be here
20 tonight. Paul asked me to come up and talk about what we
21 do. First of all we are with the Corps of Engineers in
22 Louisville working in the real estate division. So we
23 are responsible for about six (6) closed Army bases
24 within three (3) or four (4) states. And what we got
25 here is first and foremost a Finding of Suitability to

1 Transfer or a Finding of Suitability to Lease which
2 assumes we have a contract with the buyer. At this point
3 in time the buyer needs a deed. So I prepare a deed.
4 Where is this deed going? I will start at the top and
5 work my way back. On Army properties which we are
6 responsible for in five (5) states, you will want to get
7 this deed to T. West, Secretary of the Army. He's the
8 one with the authority to execute deeds on BRAC
9 properties within the Army jurisdiction. We have several
10 levels of review so I'm going to take - I'm going to
11 start with the FOST and FOSL. And both of them are
12 similar documents. On one (1) is Finding of Suitability
13 to Lease we'll say we have authority to lease this
14 property to a lessee. In a situation of Jefferson
15 Proving Ground it has to do with Lease in Furtherance of
16 Conveyance to Ford Lumber and Building Supply. And in
17 the Finding of Suitability to Transfer we have one (1)
18 parcel that's being worked out there now. So as soon as
19 I get the Finding of Suitability to Transfer which has
20 been reviewed by the United States Environmental
21 Protection Agency and the Indiana Department of
22 Environmental Management, Karen and David here.

23
24 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

25 John.

1 MR. GEORGE WILLIAMSON III:

2 John. John Manley. Sorry John. I
3 will prepare that deed. And I hope that the Finding of
4 Suitability to Transfer is in good form. Because when I
5 get the deed prepared I have to work with the buyer to
6 make sure it's acceptable, i.e., is it pursuant to the
7 contract? This applies on any base. When you have a
8 buyer and a contract oft times they are represented by
9 attorneys so then we start the review process between
10 myself and the attorneys, for the other side or for the
11 buyer, representing their client. I'm representing my
12 client. And oft times we'll - we'll have a problem with
13 one (1) of those that sneaks up. And we have to begin
14 the negotiation process on whatever issue it might be.
15 We finally get the deed reviewed and approved by the
16 buyer's attorney and the buyer. And our review process
17 starts from Louisville to my headquarters in Washington.
18 It's reviewed by our BRAC office up there, their
19 attorneys and the environmentalists there and sent to the
20 Pentagon. Reviewed one (1) more time by the Army General
21 Counsel and the environmentalists in the Pentagon at the
22 Army level. And this is in - the next level from Mr.
23 West is a fellow by the name of Paul W. Johnson, Deputy
24 Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and
25 Housing. He is the Deputy Secretary that will recommend

1 execution of this deed by Mr. West. Mr. West will
2 execute the deed, forward it back to Louisville, and I
3 will have a closing with the buyer. And that's the basic
4 process. Time wise they are almost impossible to
5 predict. It depends on who's doing the review and what
6 problems they - they find or have to be worked out. In
7 the last three (3) or four (4) deeds I've done it's gone
8 a lot smoother than it did in the first few. And I think
9 it's people's drafting techniques in those type things
10 that the reviewers have to get used to. Probably best
11 guess from the time I get this Finding of Suitability to
12 Transfer there's some issues that need working right now.
13 Finding of Suitability to Transfer on the property of
14 JPG, this next tract, it will probably be my estimate
15 sixty (60) days for preparation of deed. I have already
16 started working on the deed. But I cannot put the
17 environmental covenants restrictions into the deed until
18 I have that Finding of Suitability to Transfer because
19 these are my directions. That's why I, like I said a
20 minute ago, that I want a good, clear Finding of
21 Suitability to Transfer. It makes my job a lot easier.
22 And then probably twenty (20) days after I get it if it's
23 in good form I will have it off to the Secretary of the
24 Army for those further reviews. And my headquarters
25 level and then Pentagon level through the execution by

1 Mr. West. Finding of Suitability to Lease is the same
2 process, very same process. It's preparation of the
3 lease because we have a lessee and in our scenario that
4 we are working within the Army when we sell a piece of
5 property to a buyer one (1) of the conditions is because
6 we have some environmental problems we can't go on and
7 transfer as if we were buying a house. You sign a real
8 estate contract, go to the bank get your appraising done,
9 get your loan approved, you buy the house. In our
10 scenario we have to have that direction that this
11 property is suitable for the environmental and public
12 health and welfare before we can have a deed to transfer
13 real estate. Talking is a good process. It takes a lot
14 longer than what people are used to in their everyday
15 real estate transactions. The residents for example.
16 It's the best one. Oft times people don't understand the
17 delays that are involved because of our environmental
18 screening. At present Karen in her capacity at EPA and
19 the Indiana Department of Environmental Management are
20 reviewing the Finding of Suitability to Transfer for
21 their comments to submit to Mr. Cloud. And I don't know
22 what they are but they're down here working hard every
23 day. Everybody - I think Jefferson Proving Ground is
24 starting to make some progress as far as their cantonment
25 area. And transfers of real estate and getting things

1 done. You've seen Mr. Cloud stand up here and tell you
2 about UXO and other environmental repetition. Some
3 progress is being made. Oft times we have the
4 appropriations problems. They get worked out and moved
5 forward. Any questions about deeds and leases at JPG or
6 the process in general specifically?
7

8 MS. CAROL WITT-SMITH:

9 I'm from the EPA on the RCRA side of
10 the house.
11

12 MR. GEORGE WILLIAMSON III:

13 Un-huh (yes).
14

15 MS. CAROL WITT-SMITH:

16 And not just at this phase but at
17 various other phases it's been brought up when the
18 regulatory agencies bring up a deed restriction because
19 of environmental, say you can't put a ground water well
20 in for drinking purposes because of potential ground
21 water contamination and the agency recommends a deed
22 restriction for ground water use. And you put it then in
23 the deed yet you still have negotiation after that with
24 the buyer that --
25

1 MR. GEORGE WILLIAMSON III:

2 I wouldn't change one (1) of those.

3
4 MS. CAROL WITT-SMITH:

5 Okay.

6
7 MR. GEORGE WILLIAMSON III:

8 No I wouldn't change one (1) of
9 those. If somebody gives me clear direction in the
10 Finding of Suitability to Transfer I want a good one and
11 I want that as my Bible.

12
13 MS. CAROL WITT-SMITH:

14 So if the agency then gets to the
15 point of like having certain things standardized within
16 our region or nationally, this is a typical deed
17 restriction, our attorneys like for like ground water use
18 restriction and we recommend that in the comments, you're
19 - you're pretty open that that language will go in it?

20
21 MR. GEORGE WILLIAMSON III:

22 Exactly I will. Okay? I'm going to
23 qualify like any lawyer you talk to. We're going to do
24 it before we say in the middle and after okay? I'll give
25 you an example: Fort Benjamin Harrison, the Indiana bat.

1 The Secretary of the Army says protect the Indiana bat
2 within the confines of that installation within the
3 wooded area. Fish and Wildlife Service submits their
4 restrictive covenants with reference to Indiana bat.
5 Enter the problem: site specific. Okay? And drafting
6 styles. It doesn't match what I got to say. I've got to
7 say the same thing they do but I want to improve it a
8 little bit okay? Now we do the same thing with you, with
9 Paul Cloud's permission in JPG. I'm not going to go off
10 in space all by myself here okay? Back and forth I spend
11 a lot of time drafting pieces, site specific restrictions
12 with reference to the Indiana bat at Fort Benjamin
13 Harrison. Back and forth with Fish and Wildlife. Well
14 they liked mine a lot better when it was through okay?
15 And I think they may be sending them out. But the
16 problem is they might not fit the next site. So the
17 problem of real estate transactions and let's say the
18 boiler plate restriction, it can be done. But oft times
19 you just keep running into that where it's a little bit
20 different, a teeny bit different. But I'm going to go
21 back to the agency. I'm going to go back to the
22 environmental coordinator and the BTC and I'm going to
23 get everybody in the same league. And hopefully it's
24 going to be a little better and it's going to look like
25 something I drafted. And I'm going to - it's hard for

1 that draftsman of that piece of boiler plate too. If I
2 had to draft a complicated restriction and I didn't know
3 the property, I hadn't cast my eyes on it or walked
4 across it and saw the specific other problems, you're
5 better off if you get out there and walk around on these
6 bases because they are all different. That's the name of
7 real estate. There's no two (2) pieces of property that
8 are the same. And it's often tough for somebody setting
9 in their office. Does that answer your question?

10
11 **MS. CAROL WITT-SMITH:**

12 Yeah.

13
14 **MR. GEORGE WILLIAMSON III:**

15 If I see a problem I'm going to tell
16 you and if you will sign off on it and hope - if we
17 agree. If we don't agree, I haven't been there yet okay?
18 I'm not going to go off into space. Did that answer
19 that?

20
21 **MS. CAROL WITT-SMITH:**

22 (Nods head yes)

23
24 **MR. GEORGE WILLIAMSON III:**

25 That's how they handle it in Fish and

1 Wildlife. It worked out really good. And you got them
2 back - you got those copies back and forth. You got
3 their review and your sign off and they were happy with
4 it. Kind of proud of it to tell you the truth. Again
5 the first - not to belabor it but the first time I had
6 ever done that to protect an endangered species. However
7 it wasn't endangered on Fort Benjamin Harrison. But the
8 Secretary of the Army says we will and so we did.
9 Appreciate the introduction and be able to talk about it.
10 Thank you.

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12 **MR. RICHARD HILL:**

13 Thank you very much. Our next person
14 coming up right now is Mike Early. And he's going to
15 give us an up date on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Army
16 Memorandum of Understanding. And also after that maybe
17 we can get some information in about the water well deal
18 transfer also. Mike?

19
20 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

21 Thank you Richard. I'm Mike Early.
22 I'm the base transition coordination for Jefferson
23 Proving Ground, the office of Secretary of Defense Base
24 Transition Coordination office. I have an appointment.
25 I work at the Army's Test and Evaluation Command. Command

1 BRAC Program Manger also. I want to start and reverse
2 that order if I can because Tommy just finished talking.
3 We've been working with his office as recently as I guess
4 this afternoon or this morning's information on the
5 transfer of the pump station. That document was signed a
6 while back. I don't know why the Secretary of the Army
7 or within the Army Secretariat and we have found out that
8 the Department of Health and Human Services has now
9 signed off on that document also. So we expect that that
10 will be the process to continue and in the very near
11 future that will be coming down from Health and Human
12 Services down to the City of Madison. So that's another
13 good news. We should have more on that by the next
14 meeting. The main purpose tonight is to talk to you
15 about the agreement that we the Army have been working on
16 with Fish and Wildlife I guess since about June or July
17 of last year. Present to you an information briefing on
18 this partnership. In my remarks I will follow this
19 agenda. As I said we start out with the purpose and this
20 is an information briefing that will cover the highlights
21 of that agreement. Before we start out a bit of
22 background and for most of you I think you'll find you
23 should know most of this. I see some people that have
24 been attending several of the meetings. And as Paul
25 talked we have a four thousand (4,000) acre cantonment

1 area. North of the firing line we have fifty-one
2 thousand (51,000) acres. The Archive Search Report that
3 was done by the Corps of Engineers they say there is a
4 potential for unexploded ordinance in all that area. We
5 talked at the public meeting. Again the Army does not
6 have the funds budgeted for the clean up of fifty-one
7 thousand (51,000) acres. It's estimated to be two (2) to
8 eight (8) billion dollars. And I think also
9 significantly there would be an adverse environmental
10 impact if we went in to clear fifty-one thousand (51,000)
11 acres because you are essentially creating a strip mine.
12 In the property disposal process the Fish and Wildlife
13 Service identified that property as a refuge. And they
14 have not released that claim for that property. They
15 have expressed some concerns about the UXO, the
16 unexploded ordinance, and they are still continuing their
17 interest in managing the natural resources. It is a
18 significant natural resource asset. The Army and Fish
19 and Wildlife Service began working on this agreement as I
20 said about July of '96. And I'm pleased to report that
21 we have reached a - reached that agreement. While it is
22 not what we started out - it's a good short term
23 agreement and what it does is allow us to create a test
24 partnership to manage the resources up there consistent
25 with the eco system based management approach. And I

1 guess in layman's terms what that means is the Army is
2 focused in managing that in accordance with Army
3 regulations. The Fish and Wildlife Service has the
4 federal lead in - in managing natural resources. So
5 during this trial period they will be doing more out
6 there than what the Army has been doing. They will be
7 doing some studies on - and I will talk about some of
8 those as we go on. The Army is funding this for a three
9 (3) year trial partnership. And we are funding it at a
10 quarter of a million dollars a year. The general terms
11 of the agreement, the Army will still be a landowner. We
12 retain the unequivocal liability for an unexploded
13 ordinance, depleted uranium and the environmental
14 actions. This has been consistent throughout. The Army
15 is responsible for these. Also very important that the
16 Air Guard range will continue their operations out there.
17 Demonstration area will be used if needed. There is
18 money in the budget. There is still money for some
19 trials and they may use - come back and use that site
20 again. The NRC will continue their license termination
21 actions and that's the material that's in the hand out
22 Larry Pittiglio from the NRC. They will continue those
23 efforts. Having said that here's what we're going to do.
24 On the Fish and Wildlife side they will prepare this
25 integrated nat - natural resource management plan, get

1 into examining in more detail than what the Army does the
2 forest, and in the interior grasslands, endangered
3 species and the aquatic habitats and look at those. And
4 within their authority they will assist us in law
5 enforcement. Also a part of their piece of this
6 agreement, they will explore opportunities for control
7 recreation use, see if that is possible in the future,
8 and will also assist us, the Army, in some operations and
9 maintenance. Operations and maintenance is an Army term
10 that we throw around. What they will be doing is some of
11 the work out on the dam at Old Timber's Lake, working
12 around in that area to insure they maintain the quality
13 of that lake and a couple of other areas as well. What
14 does the Army do as a part of this agreement? We will
15 retain our responsibility for the security. We, the
16 Army, will review the Fish and Wildlife Service plan or
17 plans that they develop. And to insure that they are
18 consistent with the Army regulations and with security
19 plans and other plans that the Army may have, but I
20 would emphasize that as far as the biological aspects of
21 this plan they will present, Fish and Wildlife Service
22 will have the lead. They will also - the Army will
23 administer the hunting and fishing. It will be done in
24 consultation with the Fish and Wildlife Service and with
25 the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. This is

1 what we have done in the past and we're going to continue
2 to do. This is a trial partnership. We are doing this
3 through fiscal year '99, that's September of '99. We
4 will be going through this process. It's an opportunity
5 to examine in more detail the eco system that is there
6 and see how it can better be used in the future. And it
7 may well lead to a refuge like management system there.
8 There are also during that time period - there is a
9 potential for changes, improvements, developments in
10 unexploded ordinance protection capability so we would
11 also look for opportunities there. There may be an
12 opportunity to - for some areas to be cleared for some
13 greater public use than what is permitted right now.
14 The future, no promises but we will certainly be looking
15 at that. We have some concerns to deal with between the
16 Army and the Fish and Wildlife Service. A lot of that of
17 course is just funding. The current level of effort is
18 above what we are currently funding to conduct natural
19 resources but we've made the commitment to increase the
20 funding in that area for three (3) years and develop
21 natural resources management. Fish and Wildlife is
22 currently not funded at all. So we have some work to do
23 in that area to explore opportunities for more permanent
24 funding agreement and arrangements in our budget process.
25 Land ownership, what that means is the DOD is Department

1 of Defense. DOI is Department of Interior. And at
2 agency levels there needs to be discussion on
3 transferring liability. This has significant interest at
4 the DOD level and on May 9th the Deputy Under Secretary
5 of Defense for environmental security, Ms. Sherri
6 Goodman, met with Department Interior officials so there
7 is work on going at that level. And we hope that at some
8 point there may be something to be worked out in that
9 area. In summary then I would end by saying that we hope
10 that the funding and liability issues can be worked out
11 over this next two (2) years or so. This is a
12 partnership process. This is a very significant
13 opportunity to promote the natural resources and it also
14 is an opportunity to preserve part of the eco system of
15 the Ohio River Valley. And I would comment or close by
16 making the comment out of the Fish and Wildlife press
17 release that "Jefferson Proving Ground contains one (1)
18 of the largest unfragmented blocks of mature forest in
19 the lower midwest. Such forested areas are increasingly
20 hard to find in this heavily agricultural region although
21 they provide wild habitat for many wildlife species, even
22 those considered endangered". This is - again I can't
23 emphasize enough how significant this asset is that you
24 have right here in this area and we look forward to
25 entering into this partnership with the Fish and Wildlife

1 Service. That concludes comments I would like to make.

2 Sir do you have a question?

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4 **MR. WILLIAM CORNING:**

5 I have several. First off DOD - I'm
6 from Ripley County. DOD has up until the closing has
7 always paid Ripley County. A majority of the Proving
8 Ground is in Ripley County. This agreement says (reading
9 from something in hands) that the Sheriff in Jefferson
10 County, Ripley County and Jennings County will be
11 expected to work with the DOD, I assume DOD, to combat
12 trespassing, poaching on the firing range.

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14 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

15 What agreement are you reading from?

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17 **MR. WILLIAM CORNING:**

18 I'm reading from the Memorandum of
19 Agreement between U.S. Army Test Evaluation Command,
20 Region 3, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for Natural
21 Resource Management of the firing range of Jefferson
22 Proving Ground.

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24 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

25 That is not the current agreement

1 that is signed sir.

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3 MR. WILLIAM CORNING:

4 Well this one (1) was in effect April
5 1st.

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7 MR. MIKE EARLY:

8 No sir. It's not the agreement -
9 it's not the agreement. But go ahead and ask your
10 question.

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12 MR. WILLIAM CORNING:

13 Next is what happens to Building 485
14 which is Old Timbers?

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16 MR. MIKE EARLY:

17 Let me - let me talk about the
18 jurisdiction there. And I don't remember the date. Bob
19 do you know? Hudson? 1995? Somewhere in 1995 the
20 Governor of the State of Indiana agreed to the recision
21 of exclusive federal jurisdiction? There is now
22 concurrent jurisdiction across all of Jefferson Proving
23 Ground property. The Sheriff of respective counties, the
24 Indiana State Police have jurisdiction at Jefferson
25 Proving Ground as do the federal law enforcement

1 agencies, Fish and Wildlife Service, the F.B.I. and also
2 the United States Army.

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4 **MR. WILLIAM CORNING:**

5 Who pays for that? Me as a citizen
6 of Ripley County? Who pays for it?

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8 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

9 Who pays for what sir?

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11 **MR. WILLIAM CORNING:**

12 The protection you are getting
13 through all the sheriffs and Indiana State Police? See
14 U. S. Fish and Wildlife isn't going to give us anything.

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16 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

17 U. S. Fish and Wildlife - the U. S.
18 Fish and Wildlife enforces those laws as they have done
19 in the past.

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21 **MR. WILLIAM CORNING:**

22 They don't pay me.

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24 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

25 What do you mean they don't pay

1 nothing?

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3 MR. WILLIAM CORNING:

4 Well they haven't. Occasionally they
5 say if the Congress votes them enough money to give the
6 counties some money in lieu of taxes then they pay. But
7 in the case of Jennings County for ten (10) or twelve
8 (12) years now, I forget what that was, they didn't pay a
9 cent of money for Muscatatuck. What people are going to
10 be able to use the Proving Ground? Now this is - you say
11 this doesn't apply (indicating) but this says retired
12 military and former JPG employees and other designated by
13 Tecum. And I had one (1) of our people in Ripley County,
14 one (1) of the elected officials, said it sounded to him
15 like they are setting up a hunting club.

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17 MR. MIKE EARLY:

18 I understand your question. And is
19 your question who is allowed to use Jefferson Proving
20 Ground?

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22 MR. WILLIAM CORNING:

23 Right.
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1 MR. MIKE EARLY:

2 I guess I'm getting disappointed that
3 people consider that the Army is running a private
4 hunting club since the Army is not running a private
5 hunting club.

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7 MR. WILLIAM CORNING:

8 They think U. S. Fish and Wildlife
9 is.

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11 MR. MIKE EARLY:

12 Well they aren't either. So it is
13 government property. It is Army property. The Army
14 regulations that deal with the use of property for
15 recreation activities are very specific about who can use
16 Army property for recreation activities. And our
17 security regulations are very specific about controlled
18 access for those areas. And those are what we follow.

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20 MR. WILLIAM CORNING:

21 Well we had an agreement with the
22 Army.

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24 MR. MIKE EARLY:

25 I'm sorry. What agreement are you

1 speaking of?

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MR. WILLIAM CORNING:

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Ripley County had an agreement with the Army until U. S. Fish and Wildlife said no way would they agree with that. And that was fact.

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MR. MIKE EARLY:

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What agreement? I know of no agreement between the Army and Ripley County.

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MR. WILLIAM CORNING:

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Colonel Adams.

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MR. MIKE EARLY:

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I know Colonel Adams.

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MR. WILLIAM CORNING:

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Was here. And sat down with U. S. Fish and Wildlife from Minneapolis, from Bloomington and representatives of each of the three (3) counties. And informed us that we had a two (2) day meeting unless we could reach agreement with U. S. Fish and Wildlife. And we did. And three (3) days later U. S. Fish and Wildlife said no way would they agree to anything like that. It's

1 caused a lot of hard feelings. I understand why people
2 can't go on that Proving Ground. I wouldn't want to let
3 people go on there because you and I both know and
4 probably everybody in the room knows there's people that
5 are going to go on there and if they see a shell they're
6 going to say damn that would look good on my fireplace.
7 And they might be high enough that they don't have to
8 worry about the fireplace if they pick it up. But we
9 feel kind of left out about what's going on because
10 there's been agreements, there's no agreement, there's
11 this agreement.

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13 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

14 Sir I know of no signed agreement.
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16 **MR. WILLIAM CORNING:**

17 That's the thing.
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19 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

20 Between Ripley County and the United
21 States Army. There was at a point in time a re-use plan
22 that was developed by the three (3) counties combined.
23 And that re-use plan was devel - as I say it was
24 developed and was reviewed and was rejected. That's the
25 only plan or something or something that maybe - an

1 agreement that I'm aware of.

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3 MR. WILLIAM CORNING:

4 It wasn't in writing. It was a hand
5 shake deal. It was done at the Proving Ground. Bob,
6 Colonel Wheatley and those people.

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8 MR. MIKE EARLY:

9 Bob? Mr. Hudson?

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11 MR. BOB HUDSON:

12 If I recall the meeting he's talking
13 about - it was a two (2) day meeting - and he's right in
14 that it was kind of like the local level people, the
15 community and I believe those guys. I don't recall
16 anybody from Minneapolis.

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18 MR. WILLIAM CORNING:

19 The realty man from Minneapolis.

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21 MR. BOB HUDSON:

22 But anyway they tentatively agreed to
23 agreement on a given day. But a few days later when that
24 reached a high enough level with the Fish and Wildlife
25 was out of the house they said no. So it was just a

1 local tentative agreement that didn't get anyplace
2 because it got shot down as soon as it got up to a higher
3 level. I don't know if Minneapolis did that or they did
4 it in Washington. Is that basically how you remember
5 that Paul?

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7 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

8 Yeah. I don't remember any formal
9 signed agreement.

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11 MR. BOB HUDSON:

12 I don't think it got that far because
13 they wouldn't do it.

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15 MR. WILLIAM CORNING:

16 That's all.

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18 MR. MIKE EARLY:

19 Anybody else? Yes ma'am.

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21 MRS. LILIAN CARMER:

22 Are copies of this lease available?

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24 MR. MIKE EARLY:

25 There is - it's not a lease. It's a

1 Memorandum of Agreement.

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3 MRS. LILIAN CARMER:

4 Is it available?

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6 MR. MIKE EARLY:

7 And I have a copy. I can give you a
8 copy. Sir?

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10 MR. BRUCE GILKEY:

11 To build on this man's question how
12 many people does the Army, who as we've been reminded a
13 thousand times, owns this place, how many people do you
14 all have on security for fifty-four thousand (54,000)
15 acres? You said, I mean it was an agreement between the
16 state police and the F.B.I. Now something tells me the
17 F.B.I. is not going to come running in if somebody goes
18 across that fence.

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20 MR. MIKE EARLY:

21 They will not come in and cross the
22 fence sir. The federal - Tommy help me out on this legal
23 side. If there is a capital crime committed there they
24 have jurisdiction.

1 MR. BRUCE GILKEY:

2 In fact how many people do you have
3 over on security?

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5 MR. MIKE EARLY:

6 Federal capital crime.
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8 MR. BRUCE GILKEY:

9 How many people do you have on
10 security for fifty-one thousand (51,000) acres? To
11 answer that man's question we're paying for our sheriffs.
12 We're paying for our state police. We're paying to keep
13 security at a place you don't even want to clean up?
14 Well that's what you said.
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16 MR. MIKE EARLY:

17 Pardon me?
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19 MR. BRUCE GILKEY:

20 That's what you said. You said state
21 police. That's our - isn't that our state taxes go to
22 the state police? Don't we pay for the state police?
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24 MR. MIKE EARLY:

25 That's your statement.

1 MR. BRUCE GILKEY:

2 Well that's - the question is how
3 many people do you have on security?
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5 MR. MIKE EARLY:

6 We monitor the entrance and egress
7 control of people going in and out of the cantonment
8 area. We work with the local law enforcement agencies
9 and we work with the Air National Guard who is there and
10 monitoring entrance and egress control.
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12 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

13 Also maintain the fence around the
14 entire forty-eight (48) mile perimeter fence, which is
15 a physical barrier to access. So if someone reaches the
16 fence they are trespassing.
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18 MR. BRUCE GILKEY:

19 Oh well for what they're going in for
20 trespassing is the least of your worries. I mean
21 wouldn't that be - you know? I mean if you all are
22 liable which you claim you are, but they get in there and
23 they get blown up which is very well possible because of
24 the unexploded - unexploded ordinances, you would be
25 liable. No you wouldn't be liable?

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MR. WILLIAM CORNING:

Yes they would.

MR. MIKE EARLY:

That would have to be determined by -

MR. BRUCE GILKEY:

What I'm saying is it's going to be a lot harder on you, the liability, through the trespassing on the man that went in. Wouldn't it? I know that's my statement again.

MR. MIKE EARLY:

Again liability is going to be determined in the court.

MR. BRUCE GILKEY:

Well it seems like you all ought to figure out some way to keep that baby if you - you know. If you're not going to clean it up you ought to at least secure it.

MR. MIKE EARLY:

It is in compliance with the Army regulations.

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MR. BRUCE GILKEY:

Well you know that's kind of like letting me write my own rules. Do you know what I'm saying? I mean it just seems to me like - it just seems to me like it ought to be more secure. You're saying you watch the gates. If somebody wants in that place they're not going to go in the main gate. I mean there's culverts underneath it that you can almost drive a jeep through it. Do you know what I'm saying?

MR. MIKE EARLY:

Yeah I know what you're saying and I understand that. But there are signs that are marked and it keeps the unknowing person out.

MR. BRUCE GILKEY:

I have no trespassing signs on my property either but there's people that don't believe in them.

MR. MIKE EARLY:

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MR. BRUCE GILKEY:

What's that mean?

MR. MIKE EARLY:

It means they're trespassing.

MR. BRUCE GILKEY:

What's that mean?

MR. WILLIAM CORNING:

In Indiana they are.

MR. MIKE EARLY:

Well in Indiana the last fellow that was caught trespassing was put on - lost his weapon because he was poaching when he was there. Did he get fined or just put on probation?

MR. PAUL CLOUD:

I believe there was a fine and a six (6) month suspension.

MR. MIKE EARLY:

Six (6) month suspended sentence. That wasn't the first time that he was caught.

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MR. WILLIAM CORNING:

Does that fall under the federal law?

MR. MIKE EARLY:

He - he - the choice at that time was to prosecute under the local law. That was done in Ripley County.

MR. WILLIAM CORNING:

I have a farm and I have to carry insurance so that if a trespasser comes in and falls in a pond or breaks his leg I'm responsible and I have - even though I've got signs and a fence it doesn't make sense.

MR. MIKE EARLY:

The Army, the government is self-insured so we don't - we don't go out and buy an insurance policy.

MR. WILLIAM CORNING:

I know.

MR. MIKE EARLY:

Insurance policy with commercial zones.

1 MR. BOB HUDSON:

2 Kind of in line with their concerns
3 in him discussing the agreement or tentative agreement
4 between the Army and Fish and Wildlife on a trial basis.
5 Did it cut out your use of the Air Guard assisting only
6 on the part of the - in security of the - are they still
7 a partner of the Army along with Fish and Wildlife?
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9 MR. MIKE EARLY:

10 Yes. Let me answer your question. I
11 think if I understand your question about what are we
12 doing about opening the other pieces of O&M? And
13 security there. We are working a separate agreement with
14 the Air National Guard to assist with the other - other
15 aspects of operation and maintenance, that fifty-one
16 thousand (51,000) acre area. The - and one (1) of the
17 things that the Air Guard will do as an example they will
18 assist in maintaining some of the road network. They
19 will not maintain the entire road network but will
20 identify some of the roads that will be maintained. The
21 Air Guard will maintain the roads.
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23 MR. BOB HUDSON:

24 I figured that's the way it was. I
25 just wanted to see for sure if the audience understood

1 that.

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3 MR. MIKE EARLY:

4 Yeah they will be assisting with
5 that, with some of the security, with helping us monitor
6 fence.

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8 MR. BOB HUDSON:

9 Right.

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11 MR. MIKE EARLY:

12 They will be maintaining - if that
13 agreement goes through they will be maintaining the
14 cultural resources which include Oak Dale School House,
15 the Old Timbers Lodge and the stone arch bridges that are
16 on the National Historic Register.

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18 MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:

19 Bob I would like a copy of that
20 sample agreement also.

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22 MR. MIKE EARLY:

23 Does anybody else have any questions?
24 All right if you don't have any more questions I thank
25 you for coming and I will be around after the meeting if

1 something comes up that you have thought of during the
2 meeting. Thank you.

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4 **MR. RICHARD HILL:**

5 Thank you. Something that Mike said
6 there at the last that brought something to mind too I
7 will go ahead and mention tonight. This Saturday, the
8 17th, this coming Saturday there are going to be some
9 tours up there. There are three (3) aspects out there,
10 the Oak Dale School and the Old Timbers Lodge. I talked
11 to Mr. Elbert Heinz about that. I'm sure you could call
12 Ken Knouf out at the Proving Ground and find out more
13 about that if you're interested in looking at those this
14 Saturday.

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16 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

17 When is that? What's the date?

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19 **MR. RICHARD HILL:**

20 This Saturday. Isn't that the 17th?
21 Yeah, this coming Saturday. They're going to have three
22 (3) tours. One at ten (10). One at noon and one at two
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MRS. LILIAN CARMER:

Do you have to make reservations?

MR. RICHARD HILL:

It would help. I think they would have to know.

MRS. LILIAN CARMER:

I would think there's a limit to how many they take.

MR. BOB HUDSON:

I think it's in tonight's paper in the community activities or something. I think that's listed in one (1) of the current activities going on. People could contact Ken.

MR. RICHARD HILL:

Contact Ken okay. Haven't seen tonight's paper yet. Thank you. Okay. Next we have Ms. Corinne Buoni with a status, update of the Army Community Relations Plan Revision.

MS. CORINNE BUONI:

A lot of you know me from the

1 previous BRAC meetings. My name is Corrine Buoni. I'm
2 with SAIC and we have been supporting the Army for the
3 past three (3) years on various technical studies. The
4 two (2) studies that I'm going to talk about tonight, one
5 (1) is on the efforts to up date the Community
6 Involvement Program of Jefferson Proving Ground and the
7 second the BRAC Closure Plan. First we will talk tonight
8 about the Community Involvement Plan and what we've been
9 doing recently. I have some additional charts that we
10 may not show tonight but just for the background for
11 those of you who may not have been here at previous RAB
12 meetings. The chart again has been up at the previous
13 two (2) RAB meetings. It briefly summarizes the purpose
14 of the Community Involvement Program, what's been going
15 on since it was closed in the past few years and our
16 current plans to up date the plan and strengthen the
17 communications strategy. I'm going to turn over the
18 discussion now to Susan Cooke. Many of you met with her
19 when she was out here in March conducting community
20 interviews, interviews that are going to form the basis
21 for restructuring the Community Involvement Plan. And
22 I'm going to let her briefly summarize the results of
23 those interviews with you and then I will come back and
24 talk on the BRAC Closure Plan.

1 MS. SUSAN COOKE:

2 Thanks Corinne. And I think all of
3 you have probably seen this before but the basic purpose
4 of the Community Involvement Plan is to continue to keep
5 the lines of communication open between the Army and the
6 various communities involved and the program involved
7 with the JPG interest areas of what's going on with the
8 environmental restoration activities. And in partnership
9 of course with the U.S. EPA Region 5 and the Indiana
10 Department of Environmental Management, the commitment is
11 to inform and educate the community about what's going on
12 and the status of the various environmental studies in
13 progress, creating opportunities for dialogue so the
14 community can talk back and forth with the agencies and
15 find out the latest, and to obtain community input on the
16 decision when that is appropriate. And we did conduct a
17 number of interviews and in March and I think I talked
18 with some of you and hoped to touch base with all the RAB
19 members before the process was drafted. The original
20 Community Relations Plan was put out in 1995 and that was
21 of course before BRAC and before the actual closure of
22 the base, so many things have changed since then. We
23 want to include in the new one reports on the progress of
24 the clean up, land transfer, talk about what's been
25 happening in media up dates, public hearings and various

1 presentations. And basically what we found when we were
2 here talking to a lot of people. We - we conducted forty
3 (40) interviews in March in the week we were here and
4 then afterwards, and we found that a number of varying
5 community perspectives relating to JPG, and relating to
6 the environmental studies and activities. We did find
7 that you know the majority of the people out there in the
8 communities, we did talk to people from all three (3)
9 counties: Jennings, Ripley and Jefferson and many of the
10 cities around. We are finding of course general level of
11 frustration about the progress, about how long things
12 are taking, about the communication process and transfer
13 of property. People want to see the land used
14 productively. And of course they want to know what's
15 going on. And that was one (1) of the biggest complaints
16 I guess if you want to call it a complaint that we heard
17 out there were that people really didn't feel like they
18 knew exactly what was going on. And the information
19 needs, they really want - you all want to hear about for
20 instance, timely status reports, what's going on, and
21 when. And you want to - most people want to read about
22 it in the paper or hear about it on the radio. They like
23 to get information up dates through the media. And they
24 want to be able to have points of contact, people that
25 they can call on a regular daily basis. And the people

1 that they want to be able to contact are the people who
2 can get them those answers that they're looking for.
3 They want to make sure they know the right people to talk
4 to. We will be summarizing all of the discussions and
5 the results of the interviews in this up dated Community
6 Involvement Plan. Our draft of that will be to the Army
7 in mid-June and they will review it and then it will go
8 to the other agencies for review. What part of that plan
9 will include recommendations as a result of the
10 interviews and as a result of what all of the community
11 members have been telling us throughout this process. We
12 wanted them to recommend to the agencies involved how
13 they can do a better job in informing the communities
14 around JPG as to what's going on. And we plan to include
15 some of these activities in our recommendations that the
16 people in the communities really want materials that help
17 them understand the process, help them understand what's
18 involved in UXO removal. What's involved in the other
19 environmental studies that are going on. And at a level
20 that they can understand, not any technical jargon, not
21 using a lot of FOST and FOSLS and you know acronyms that
22 you have to stop and think what that means. So they
23 really want to be able to get information that explains
24 things, things in a way that they can understand it.
25 They want us to use the mailing list better and up date

1 the mailing list so that we can keep regular direct
2 contact with people who have a real interest in what's
3 going on and providing more opportunity for a face to
4 face discussion. We heard a lot of - of requests for the
5 Army or other agencies to come out and talk with small
6 groups or talk to neighborhood groups or community groups
7 about what's going on, not just doing everything through
8 the RAB process. So we hope to recommend those and other
9 kinds of activities to the Army through this. The
10 schedule is then we completed the interviews, we're going
11 to release the draft, provide Community Involvement Plan
12 to the Army on the 13th of June and then we will get
13 review comments from the Army, send it to the other
14 agencies and get their review and comments and we are
15 aiming to have - release the final Community Involvement
16 Plan by July 31st. And that of course implementing the
17 Plan and on going progress will continue throughout this
18 whole - this whole process. And of course because we are
19 still in the process of drafting it right now we are
20 still open to any comments you want to make. As I said
21 there are a variety of comments from a variety of people
22 across your communities and we appreciate the openness
23 and honesty with people's concerns and they really you
24 know told us what we wanted to hear. We found out where
25 the information needs are and what people want to know

1 and how they want to be communicated with. And so we're
2 certainly open to repeating any more opinions that you
3 want to give to us. We will reflect those in the draft
4 document and of course in the final document as well.
5 Are there any questions about this part of the process?
6 I'll turn it back over to Corinne for her up date on the
7 BRAC.

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9 MS. CORINNE BUONI:

10 Okay. The Base Realignment and
11 Closure Plan is a document that we put together last
12 year. The purpose of the document, and this is an up
13 dated document prepared back in 1995, basically the BRAC
14 Clean Up Plan or the Base Realignment and Clean Up Plan
15 is referred to as the BCP in short language. It
16 summarizes the current status of the environmental clean
17 up associated with compliance programs meeting all the
18 regulatory requirements that are associated with closing
19 that property and transferring it to potential buyers.
20 And it presents a strategy for implementing actions to
21 protect human health in the environment and facilitate
22 disposal and use of the JPG property. The Army asked us
23 to up date the plan last year, release the draft version
24 back in August of '96. Regulatory comments came back in
25 the end of February. And since then we've taken the

1 opportunity in the time that we had to do a thorough
2 review of the document and to bring it up to a current
3 status that's much more accurate than it was back in '95.
4 A lot has happened since then. We've really taken a
5 thorough review of all of the property and cross
6 referenced everything. There was some ambiguity with
7 different nomenclatures used. We have done a thorough
8 review of all of those and cross referenced everything.
9 We also took the opportunity to make the maps more
10 detailed and more informative to the reader, more clear
11 in terms of context of where the property is within the
12 installation. So we feel that this is going to be a much
13 more useful document to the RAB members and the
14 community. And as an example this is one (1) map
15 (indicating) that was not in the earlier version of the
16 report and now with the installation closed it's
17 something that would be useful to the reader. You
18 probably can't see it too well. It's probably better in
19 your hand out. But basically it presents the status of
20 land in the cantonment area that's either leased or
21 transferred and this map will be up dated over time.
22 We're probably going to make some changes to high light
23 the areas that are going to be surveyed for UXO removal.
24 As I said we plan to release this document and up date it
25 in June for Army review. And then after Army review

1 we'll finalize the document and get it out probably in
2 mid-June. So in summary we're on track for up dating the
3 Community Involvement Plan for the Army and the BRAC Plan
4 will be released in June and distributed to the RAB
5 members where we will implement the comments. It's
6 actually a good document to keep track of all the
7 environmental studies that are going on and clean up
8 activities. So are there any questions?

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10 **MRS. LILIAN CARMER:**

11 Will this plan also be in the local
12 libraries?

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14 **MS. CORINNE BUONI:**

15 Yes it will. And for those of you
16 that are not aware they're keeping copies of documents
17 such as these at Hanover College. It's up on the second
18 floor. You have to go to the far corner. They're tucked
19 away but it is there. Thank you.

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21 **MR. RICHARD HILL:**

22 Thank you. Now we have time for open
23 discussion. There is something else I want to mention
24 about the tours this Saturday. I was just informed that
25 Ken Knouf is out this week but you can still call his

1 office and that's 273-2551. That will get you there.
2 Okay. I want to bring that up. Does anyone have any
3 questions or comments about anything we either did or did
4 not cover tonight? You're really quiet. Okay. I just
5 have a couple of really short things that might go along
6 with this. (Reading) We covered that. We covered that.
7 Oh good. Okay. We are still looking for new RAB
8 members. We did send out a letter to existing RAB
9 members to ask them if they're still interested in
10 participating. And from that we can determine how many
11 people we really do have at this point. And Paul do you
12 have any closing remarks?

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14 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

15 I just have a couple of things. I
16 would like to again remind if you haven't signed in on
17 our attendance sheet and you're not on our mailing list
18 that you please sign in and we will keep you informed of
19 future meetings and where they're going to be located.
20 And in regards to that I believe this will probably be
21 the last meeting that we hold here in the Salvation Army.
22 Richard and I have discussed this briefly. It's our
23 intent to rotate the meetings between the library here in
24 Madison and the library, new library in North Vernon and
25 probably Versailles High School on a rotating basis. And

1 that will give various counties a better opportunity and
2 probably an easier access to the meetings. We will see
3 how that works out. This should be the last meeting here
4 at the Salvation Army. Any future meetings I would
5 anticipate would be at the library down the street a
6 ways. So the next meeting is scheduled for the 9th of
7 July. Richard and I in coordination with the State and
8 the EPA will coordinate as to where that next one (1)
9 will be. I expect it will either be in North Vernon or
10 Versailles and when the letter comes out that Richard and
11 I co-sign announcing the meeting and the agenda, we will
12 identify the specific address of that meeting. So that's
13 new information that I think you'll be able to make use
14 of. Other than that appreciate your coming tonight. If
15 you do have any questions that you would like to ask
16 after we're finished here, which I think we're just about
17 done, feel free to ask and we will answer them to the
18 best of our ability. With that I would like to thank you
19 and if there's no other questions I think we're done with
20 our formal presentation. Thank you.

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STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)

I, Sharon Shields, do hereby certify that I am a Notary Public in and for the County of Jefferson, State of Indiana, duly authorized and qualified to administer oaths; That the foregoing public hearing was taken by me in shorthand and on a tape recorder on May 14, 1997 in the offices of the Salvation Army Headquarters, 331 East Main Street, Madison, IN; That this public hearing was taken on behalf of the Jefferson Proving Ground Restoration Advisory Board pursuant to agreement for taking at this time and place; That the testimony of the witnesses was reduced to typewriting by me and contains a complete and accurate transcript of the said testimony.

I further certify that pursuant to stipulation by and between the respective parties, this testimony has been transcribed and submitted to the Jefferson Proving Ground Restoration Advisory Board.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal this 23rd day of May, 1997.


Sharon Shields, Notary Public
Jefferson County, State of Indiana

My Commission Expires:
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